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CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Precautions at Tientsin on account of plague maintained—Quarantine against Swatow removed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, November 17 and December 1:

November 17: During the week ended November 14 supplemental bill of health was granted to a steamship having a personnel of 44. One vessel, with 44 members of the crew, was inspected. The various packing establishments preparing shipments for the United States were inspected during the week. Twenty cases of human hair were disinfected and one case of the same material from Tientsin not properly packed and disinfected was rejected.

Smallpox is not officially reported, but the disease exists here to a moderate degree among both natives and foreigners.

The epidemic of plague in the Tientsin district (at Tongshan) is under control and quarantine is maintained. Intending passengers are being required to have their clothing and effects disinfected before being allowed to board trains. The nature of the disinfection practiced is not stated.

The consular body and the superintendent of customs have withdrawn the declaration of infection against Swatow, at which place plague prevailed.

Examination of emigrants—Beriberi on steamship Iyo Maru—Smallpox.

December 1. During the week ended November 28, 1 original and 2 supplemental bills of health were issued to 3 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 255. There were inspected 3 vessels, 233 members of crews, 2 cabin and 6 steerage passengers, and the living quarters of 1 vessel were disinfected, while the Asiatic crew, numbering 64 men, were bathed and their effects disinfected by steam. Manifests were viséed for 31,416 pieces of freight.

One case of beriberi discovered among the steerage passengers of the steamship *Iyo Maru*, bound from Hongkong to Seattle, was noted on the vessel's bill of health.

Smallpox continues present at Shanghai, but the cases and deaths are few in number and are confined almost entirely to the native population.

CUBA.

Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—General sanitary conditions—Smallpox on steamship Floride from Spanish port via Canary Islands.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amessee reports, December 28:

Week ended December 26.

Vessels inspected.....	16
Bills of health issued.....	17
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	760
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	306
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	1